5. Subject to the discretion of the Minister of Home Affairs or the Minister presiding over a meeting to refuse in the public interest to give any information or to allow discussion on any matter, members of the Advisory Committee will have rights in regard to interpellation analogous to and under similar limitations as those of members of a State-legislature.

6. The office of the member of the Advisory Committee shall be Honorary and shall not carry any salary or remuneration.

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Drug Addict Drivers

5890. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that an alarmingly large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the big cities have been found to be Drug Addicts;

(b) whether this could be one of the main reasons for the high rate of accidents;

(c) if so, whether the Government have made any plan to issue directions to the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) It is a fact that a large number of drivers of trucks, buses and three wheelers in the big cities are found to be drug addicts and the durg addiction by the drivers is one of the reasons for the accidents.

(c) and (d) Government of India is making its earnest effort to control the supply of drugs as well as to reduce the demand for drugs. NDPS Act, 1985, is enforced to deal with cases of peddling, pushing and trafficking in drugs. Towards demand reduction, a scheme to provide financial assistance to the non governmental organisations is being implemented. Under this scheme financial assistance is given for setting up of de-addiction, counselling and after care centres throughout the country to provide detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation services to those addicted including the drivers. Awareness generation programmes among the masses about the hazards of drug abuse are also being undertaken. Various media are used for the purpose.

Per-Capita Income

5891. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per-capita income has increased in the country after the adoption of liberalised industrial policy;

(b) if so, the estimated increase in the per-capita average income during 1996-97 as compared to 1990-91;

(c) whether the target fixed in this regard for Eighth Five Year Plan has been achieved;

(d) if not, the efforts being made in this regard;

(e) the percentage of increase in the per-capita income during the Eighth Five Year Plan in comparison with the Seventh and Sixth Five Year Plans; and

(f) the target of per-capita income fixed during the Ninth Five Years Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The real per capita income (Net National Product at factor cost at 1980-81 prices) for the year 1996-97 (Advance estimates, 1996-97, Central Statistical Organisation) has increased by 21.4% over the year 1990-91, which yields an average annual rate of 3.29% per annum.

(c) There is no explicit target of per capita income (NNP) for the Eighth Plan. The target rate of growth of per capita GDP was 3.8% per annum of the Eighth Plan, and the actual achievement is likely to be 4.6% per annum.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The average annual rate of growth in per capita income (as measured by per capita Net National Product at factor cost at 1980-81 prices) works out to be 4.4% per annum for the Eighth Five Year Plan as compared to 3.56% per annum and 3.16% per annum for the Seventh and Sixth Five Year Plans respectively.

(f) There is no explicit target of per capita income for the Ninth Plan contained in the Approach Paper to the